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**TITLE:** STOPPER APPARATUS FOR SLIDE RAIL

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Before examining the referenced application on the merits, please amend the application as outlined in the following pages.

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Please replace Figures 1-9 as shown in the attached replacement sheets. Applicant submits that the replacement figures are formal. Additionally, a separate letter to the official draftsman is enclosed.